

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2008-289-W - ORDER NO. 2008-704  
OCTOBER 15, 2008

IN RE: Joint Petition of Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. and Vestco Properties to Sale and Transfer the Water System Serving the Cedar Hill Mobile Home Park as a Regulated Utility in Sumter, South Carolina	)	ORDER APPROVING SALE AND TRANSFER OF WATER SYSTEM SERVING CEDAR HILL MOBILE HOME PARK
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on a joint request from Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. (“Wyboo”) and Vestco Properties (“Vestco”) for the sale and transfer of the water system serving the Cedar Hill Mobile Home Park located in Sumter, South Carolina. If approved, Vestco asserts that it will continue to provide water service to the tenants of the rental properties, but will not manage the water system as a “ public utility” defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10 (Supp. 2007). To this end, Vestco states it will cease separate water system charges and increase rent. In addition, Wyboo and Vestco also request that the Commission waive a hearing in this matter.

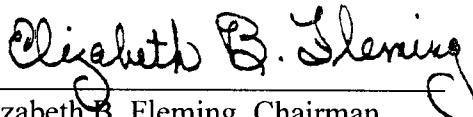
Notice of the proposed sale and transfer was published on August 9, 2008, in *The Item* newspaper, which serves the area affected by the Petition, and no interested persons have filed a protest or moved to intervene. Furthermore, on September 11, 2008, the Office of Regulatory Staff filed a letter with the Commission stating that it has no objections to the proposal. Based on these factors, we find and hold that a hearing is

unnecessary and waived. Moreover, since Vestco will not be supplying water service for compensation as necessary to meet the definition of “public utility” under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10, and since Vestco will continue to provide water service to the residents of the Cedar Hill Mobile Home Park without interruption, we approve the sale and transfer of the water system.

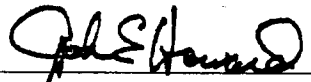
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The sale and transfer of the water system serving the Cedar Hill Mobile Home Park from Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. to Vestco Properties is approved.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
John E. Howard, Vice Chairman  
(SEAL)